Trip Report: Sri Lanka Feb 15 - 22, 2020

With 3 nights at Wilpattu Safari Camp, 4 nights at Sigirya Village Hotel and an incredible 47 species of mammals seen

Tour operator: Bird and Wildlife Team (https://www.birdandwildlifeteam.com/)

After several years of seeing all the wonderful trip reports from Sri Lanka I finally could not resist going there any longer. So after lengthy deliberations with myself due to the expense – in particular as there are operators that cost considerably less –, I (as a single female traveller) booked the tour with the highly recommended Bird and Wildlife Team. My main focus was mammals with some culture thrown in for good measure (Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigirya and Dambulla Cave Temples). The tour was absolutely fantastic and with Dulan I had the best guide I have ever had in all my rather extensive travels around the world. Dulan's energy, enthusiasm, knowledge and keen eyes were simply incredible. The jeep drivers Bird and Wildlife Team used were also really good and happy to stop for whatever I wanted to look at, be it small mammal, bird or reptile, whilst I noticed that many other drivers were just chasing big game sightings.

All in all I can wholly recommend Bird and Wildlife Team and Dulan and Sri Lanka is a beautiful country.

Wilpattu



Spotted Deer



Red Muntjak



Sambar

Wild Water Buffalo



Ruddy Mongoose



Giant Squirrel



Small Indian Civet



Leopard

Sigirya and surroundings



Tufted Grey Langur



Sri Lanka Toque Monkey



Asian Elephant



Common Palm Civet



Thick Tailed Pangolin





Fishing Cat



Bats



Rufous Horse-shoe Bat

Long-armed sheath-tailed Bat

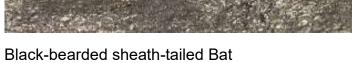




Lesser False Vampire Bat

Lesser Woolly Horse-shoe Bat







Fulvous Fruit Bat

1. Manis crassicaudata Thick Tailed Pangolin (2 individuals)

Macaca sinica
 Semnopithecus priam
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Sri Lanka Toque Monkey
Tufted Grey Langur

4. Semnopithecus vetulus Sri Lanka Purple-faced Langur (2 sub species)

5. Loris lydekkerianus Grey Slender Loris6. Canis aureus Golden Jackal

7. Felis chaus
 8. Panthera pardus
 9. Prionailurus viverrinus
 Jungle Cat (07+ Individuals)
 Leopard (02 Individuals)
 Fishing Cat (03 Individuals)

10. Herpestes brachyurusBrown Mongoose11. Herpestes edwardsiiGrey Mongoose12. Herpestes smithiiRuddy Mongoose

13. *Melursus ursinus*Sloth Bear (1 Individuals)
14. *Paradoxurus hermaphoditus*Common Palm Civet

15. Paradoxurus aureus Sri Lanka Golden Palm Civet (2 individuals)

16. Viverricula indica Small Indian Civet (10+)

17. Elephas maximusAsian Elephant18. Bubalus arneeWild Water Buffalo19. Bubalus bubalusFeral Water Buffalo

20. Axis axis Spotted Deer
21. Rusa unicolor Sambar
22. Muntiacus muntjak Red Muntjak
23. Sus scrofa Wild Boar

24. Moschiola meminna Sri Lanka White Spotted Chevrotain (10+)

25. *Hystrix indica* Indian Crested Porcupine 26. *Petaurista philippensis* Giant Grey flying Squirrel

27. Funambulus palmarumPalm Squirrel28. Ratufa macrouraGiant Squirrel29. Lepus nigricollisBlack-naped Hare30. Mus boodugaIndian Field Mouse

31. Vandeleuria oleracea Long-tailed climbing Mouse

32. *Tatera indica*33. *Rattus rattus*Antelope Rat
Common Rat

34. *Taphozous longimanus*35. *Taphozous melanopogon*Long-armed sheath-tailed Bat
Black-bearded sheath-tailed Bat

36. Myotis hasseltii Brown Bat

37. Hipposideros ater
38. Hipposideros galeritus
39. Hipposideros lankadiva
40. Hipposideros speoris
41. Megaderma spasma
42. Cynopterus sphinx
Bicolored leaf-nosed Bat
Great leaf-nosed Bat
Schneider's leaf-nosed Bat
Lesser False Vampire Bat

42. Cynopterus sphinx Short-nosed Fruit
43. Pteropus giganteus Indian Flying Fox
44. Rousettus leschenaulti Fulvous Fruit Bat

45. Rhinolophus beddomei Lesser Woolly Horse-shoe Bat

46. Rhinolophus rouxii Rufous Horse-shoe Bat

47. Pipistrellus tenuis Pigmy Pipistrel

Some of the birds seen

